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Sir:

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2. Drawings - 5 sheets of drawings containing 8 figures. (Figs. 1-5)
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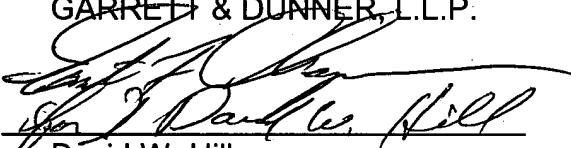
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